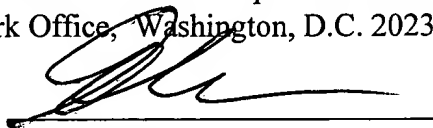


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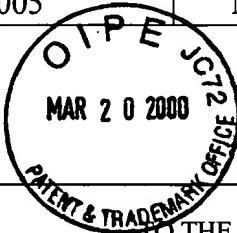
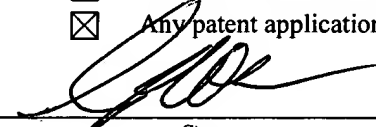
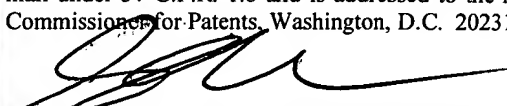
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- (a) objected the specification and claims on formal grounds;
 - (b) rejected claims 9 to 27 as being indefinite;
 - (c) found Claims 9-13, 14-18, 22-27 to be anticipated by DIRE ET AL (US 4,756,531) or LEAKE (US 5,624,119) or MARGOLIN (US 5,813,911) or KRAVITZ ET AL (US 5,545,088);
 - (d) found claims 9-13, 15-17, 22-27 to be anticipated by MARGOLIN or KRAVITZ ET AL
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